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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 5

1. WP EDITORIAL "MR. BUTZ BLUNDERS AGAIN". THE RUSSIANS MUST BE COMPELLED TO ACT LIKE OTHER CUSTOMERS AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR EXPECTED NEEDS, UNDER PAIN OF BEING DENIED ACCESS TO AMERICAN SUPPLIES UNTIL OTHER CLAIMANTS ARE SATISFIED.

2. NYT (PAGE 2) "POLITICAL FIGHT IS EXPECTED IN THE CAPITAL OVER NEW U.S.-SOVIET ARMS AGREEMENT" BY BERNARD GWERTZMAN. ADMINISTRATION AIDES SAID NO MATTER HOW SCRUPULOUSLY A NEW AGREEMENT WAS DRAFTED IT IS SURE TO COME UNDER SEVERE SCRUTINY. CITES LAIRD, ZUMWALT, AND SENATOR JACKSON AND DISCUSSES VARIOUS DISPUTES: THE HEAVY OR LIGHT MISSILE, THE ABM RADAR MODE, THE MYSTERIOUS SILO AND THE COVER-UP DISPUTES.

3. NYT - HARRY SCHWARTZ COLUMN "KHRUSHCHEV-BREZHNEV DOCTRINE AT HELSINKI". FROM THE KREMLIN VIEWPOINT ANY INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT SUCH AS THE HELSINKI DECLARATION CAN BE REPUDIATED WHENEVER CONVENIENT. NOTHING HAS  
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CHANGED SINCE 1956 AND 1968 FROM THE KREMLIN VIEWPOINT;  
ONLY CHANGE IS U.S. PERCEPTION OF ITS OWN POWER AND  
POSSIBILITIES -- AND NOT FOR THE BETTER.

4. STAR - CROSBY S. NOYES COLUMN "HOPE FOR LIBERALIZATION  
IN HELSINKI FOLLOW-UP" CYNICISM APPEARS JUSTIFIED, BUT  
THE FOLLOW-UP PROVISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE CAN PROVIDE  
A MECHANISM FOR HOLDING SOVIET FEET TO THE FIRE ON  
QUESTIONS OF LIBERALIZATION. THIS OPENING SHOULD NOT  
BE PASSED UP. KISSINGER

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